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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On July 21, 2005, at approximately 11:31pm, San Antonio Police Officer Edward Vargas, a 10 year veteran, was working in full SAPD uniform and in an off-duty capacity for the H.E.B. grocery store located at 415 N. New Braunfels St. Officer Vargas had just finished walking a female employee to her personal vehicle when a lone Black male suspect began to shoot at the officer. Officer Vargas was hit once in the left calf, but was able to return fire. As the suspect continued to fire towards Officer Vargas, he also started to advance, but turned and fled on foot as Officer Vargas returned fire. Officer Vargas was able to call for help via his police radio and was also able to broadcast a description of the suspect, who was spotted by a responding officer just north of the shooting scene. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody without further incident. The suspect also led officers to the location where he abandoned the weapon. The suspect, who was not injured, presented no motive as to why he fired at Officer Vargas.

Officer Vargas was transported to University Hospital with non-life threatening injuries and will be placed on injury leave/administrative duty pending the outcome of the investigation. The suspect, who will be identified once he is formally charged, will face Attempt Capital Murder charges and will be taken to the Bexar County Jail for processing.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief Albert A. Ortiz and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.

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